

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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Our Mission

To be a Parish Community where the Signs of Faith are given so that, seeing them, all can be led to Eternal Life.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 25, 2026

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Closed Friday

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Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 5:30 pm,

8:00 pm (Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist)

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Holy Days

See bulletin for schedule of Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday

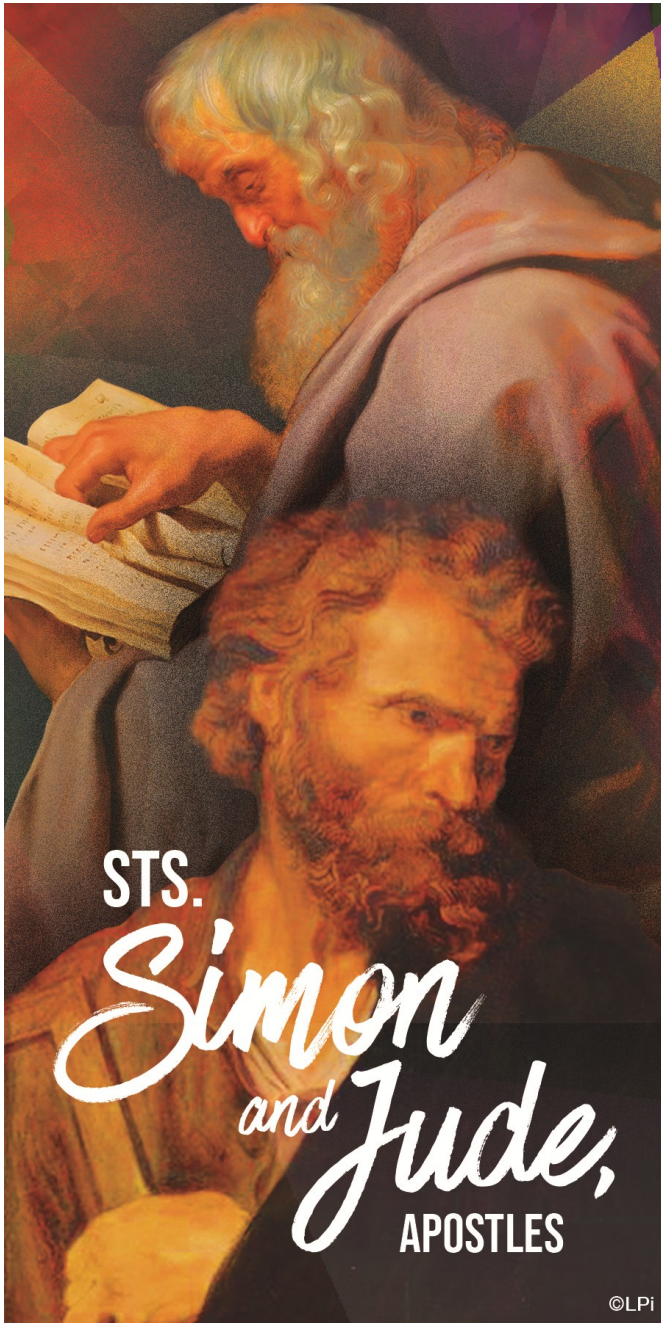
(Sign up using link on parish website)

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm (Opus Dei Priest)

and

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm (OLMC Parish Priest)

(No sign up required. First come, first served.)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Wednesday, October 28, the Church celebrates the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles. Two of the Twelve whom Jesus chose after a night spent in prayer on the mountain. Two men about whom the Gospels say almost nothing, yet who stand with the others as the foundation of the household of God.

Simon the Zealot and Jude Thaddeus. Ordinary men, called from their daily lives, given a new name and a new destiny. Simon, once marked by the fire of the Zealots, had his human passion purified and directed toward the Kingdom. Jude, so often confused with the traitor that the faithful long hesitated to invoke him, became the intercessor of the hopeless - the one who reminds us that no situation is beyond the reach of the mercy of God.

They preached the Gospel far from home, tradition tells us, even to the ends of the earth of their time, and sealed their witness with martyrdom. They did not seek to make a name for themselves. They simply walked the Way.

This is the same Way that the Lord opens for us. We can return to the path of the first communities: the Word of God that calls us, the liturgies that heal and feed, and our parish community, that becomes a mirror showing us our true selves, and a sign of the Church that is missionary by her very nature. Like Simon and Jude, we are not chosen because we are strong or eloquent. We are chosen so that the power of God may be made perfect in our weakness.

In these days, when so many feel that their situation is hopeless - family brokenness, illness, the weight of sin, the

silence of God - St. Jude stands before us as a living reminder: the Lord does not abandon the lost. He seeks them. He sends apostles. He sends us.

Let us ask these two Apostles to intercede for our parish community, that we may recover the zeal of the first disciples, the humility of those who know they are only servants of the Word, and the courage to announce the Kerygma wherever the Lord places us.

May their blood, poured out for the Gospel, become for us a seed of new life.

Peace,

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Friday

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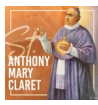
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October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Michael DeJoseph



October 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

William Belanich



October 26

Marie Rivieccio

October 27

Susan Tirone



October 28

Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Marina Signoretto

October 29

Anastasia & Santiago Burgos

October 30

Dan Bibb

October 31

All Hallows' Eve

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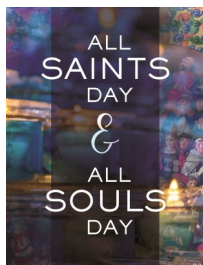
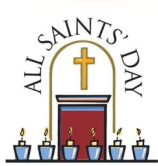
November 1

All Saints' Day

National Vocations Awareness Week

Rose Ann Tripaldi

Francesco Pitarra



All Saints' Day:

Sunday, November 1st

Mass Schedule: (10/31) 5:30 PM Vigil,

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM (Memorial Mass)

All Souls' Day:

Monday, November 2nd

Mass Schedule: 8:30 AM

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

-Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$5,090.00

World Mission Sunday.....\$1,020.00

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

-Qoh 3:11

"A time to be healed."

Parish sick list: Marie Barrett, Dino Caparoso, Rev. Bob Connor, Mary Cummings, Arlene Desposito, Ethel Dubrowski, Ed Evans, Trevor Giesberg, Ann Goodwin, Kathy Hedley, Pablo Ibarrola, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Julia Geraghty, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, John Mandile, Joyce Merlino, John Mullins, Carol Myack, James Ranaazgo, Danielle Rendon, Gail Roberts, Carol Schmidt, Jean Sember, Bro. Kevin Smith, John Vallely, Eric Vanderleif, Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn."

"A time for war and a time for peace."

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan, Seamus Ryan
Amen.



Electronic donations?

Please scan the QR code to use our 'Parish Giving' service.



**Christian perfection consists in three things:
praying heroically, working heroically,
and suffering heroically.**

-St. Anthony Mary Claret



Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Every year, our parish remembers all those parishioners who have gone home to the Lord during the past year at a Memorial Mass, coinciding with the Feast of All Souls' Day. This year, we will have the memorial rite during the 10:30 AM All Saints' Day Mass on Sunday, November 1. Individual invitations are mailed to the family members of all those who have been buried from Our Lady Mother of the Church.

Any parishioner who has suffered the loss of a relative, since November 2025, who was not buried from this church, can still have that loved one remembered at this Mass. If you would like them to be included and you will be attending the Mass, please contact the parish office at (201) 391-2826 or office@motherofthechurch.org with their name and date of death before Wednesday, October 28.

During the remembrance rite, a representative of each family is invited to place a symbol of life, a flower, in a vase located in the sanctuary. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE MERCY HOUSE

DONATE TO OUR WINTER COAT & CANDY GIVEAWAY

Please consider donating **new** and **gently used** coats and other winter items, as well as candy, for children and adults in our community.

Coats | Scarves | Gloves | Hats | Candy

Our giveaways will take place on

Oct. 26 Jersey City	Oct. 27 Newark	Oct. 28 Elizabeth
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ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK

Catholic in Recovery

FIND FREEDOM

Catholic in Recovery is a worldwide community of individuals seeking a solution to **addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments** by integrating the Catholic faith into 12-step recovery.

JOIN a virtual meeting to begin your journey or strengthen your recovery. Resources also include CIR's Pathway to Recovery to support and guide you through the first 90 days of recovery.

www.catholicinrecovery.com

Divine Mercy Daily

Daily Reflections from the
Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Meditation:

Write down everything that occurs to you regarding **My goodness**. I answered, "What do You mean, Lord, what if I write too much?" And the Lord replied, **My daughter**, even if you were to speak at one and the same time in all human and angelic tongues, even then you would not have said very much, but on the contrary, you would have sung in only a small measure the praises of **My goodness** - of **My unfathomable mercy**.

O my Jesus, You Yourself must put words into my mouth, that I may praise You worthily.

My daughter, be at peace; do as I tell you. Your thoughts are united to **My thoughts**, so write whatever comes to your mind. You are the secretary of **My mercy**. I have chosen you for that office in this life and the next life (Diary, 1605).

My Prayer Response:

Praise You, Lord Jesus, that You insisted to St. Faustina that she could never write enough about Your unfathomable mercy! Praise You, Jesus, for inspiring her.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*
Share Divine Mercy Daily with your friends and family:
TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup

Kid's Corner



1. What is the day that honors all saints, known and unknown?
2. What is the spiritual union of all faithful people, joined to Christ as their head, spanning heaven, earth, and purgatory called?
3. What is the liturgical color for All Saints' Day and why?
4. What football team was named after All Saints' and was born that day?

Answers:
1. November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints. 2. The Communion of Saints. 3. White, because they have reached their perfection and are "blameless in His sight." 4. The New Orleans Saints. The team was named "Saints" due to its establishment in 1966 on the Roman Catholic Church's All Saints' Day.



Donate to the Tri-Boro Food Pantry

Don't forget, next weekend, the 1st Sunday of the month, you can bring items to the Church that will be donated to the Tri-Boro Food Pantry. Check their website to see items they are most in need of for November.

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH

A Joyful Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Duo Pianos, Professional Singers, and a Choir
SING-ALONG!

Mingle with wine and cheese afterwards!

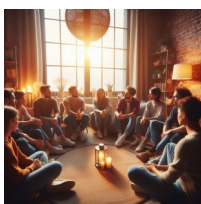
TICKETS (Adults: \$45, Children: \$10) ON SALE STARTING NOV. 7/8 after Mass and in the parish office!
Sponsorship opportunity welcomed! (See reverse side.)

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Parish Registration

A Parishioner is one who belongs to our parish community. As such, they are registered and actively participate in the life of the parish community by regularly attending Mass, joining ministries, and financially supporting the parish. To obtain Sponsor Certificates / Letters of Good Standing for Baptism and Confirmation, please call the parish office. The person requesting such must be registered and be an active member of our Parish community. We request that you register so that we can serve you better.



Grief Group

Gina Franco started a grief group here at OLMC after the loss of her daughter, Dominique, who was only 21 when she passed unexpectedly in 2019. She hopes the grief group gives people here at OLMC a place to share their stories and give **Hope and Faith** while healing together. They will next meet on Monday, November 2nd, at 7:00 pm.

SARAH HART
FRANCESCA LA ROSA

NIGHT OF PEACE



an evening of songs and stories
to bring peace and hope to your community

Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament
787 Franklin Lake Rd
Franklin Lakes, NJ
mostblessedsacrament.ws



A Little Humor...

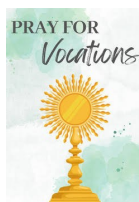
One day Adam was asking God questions. He says to God, "Lord, why did you make Eve so beautiful?" God said, "so you would love her." Adam asks, "Lord, why did you make her feel so soft and nice?" God said, "so you would love her." Adam said, "But Lord, why did you make her so dumb?" God said, "so she would love you."



Can Catholics Celebrate Halloween?

Catholics can celebrate Halloween as a holiday with Christian roots. In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of All Martyrs (later All Saints' Day) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallow's Eve or "Holy Evening," and eventually Halloween. Villagers visited local homes to gather contributions for the feast to be held the next day, All Saints' Day. Those who didn't contribute might be subject to a prank, or "trick." Catholics enjoy donning creative costumes and giving out candy, but it's important to avoid glorifying evil, death, and the devil. Consider using the holiday to learn about a saint you didn't know or collecting food for the poor.

In short, Halloween is a chance to celebrate generosity, friendship, and community. It's the threshold of a time to remember the believers who have gone to Heaven before us and the hope we have of following. We also pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory to strengthen them during their purification before entering Heaven.



National Vocations Awareness Week

November 1-7, 2026

As a parish family, we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week next week. Please join us in praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Pray: Ask God to give young people the wisdom to hear His call and the courage to respond.

Encourage: If you see qualities of a good priest or religious sister in a young person, tell them! Your encouragement could change their life.

Learn More: Contact our parish office or visit the diocesan vocations website for discernment resources and upcoming events.

Lord, by the Words of Consecration, the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You.
-St. Anthony Mary Claret

Heritage Fund

The Our Lady Mother of the Church Heritage Fund is a **restricted fund** created to complete projects and improvements in the parish. It is **restricted**, meaning that all donations will remain in the parish and cannot be used for any other purpose except for the named project donated to. Proposed projects are named below and as they are completed, it will be communicated here.

Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
Church Shingled Roof	\$150,000.00

Current Funding: \$76,857.19.

If you would like to donate to this project, please make checks payable to 'Our Lady Mother of the Church' with 'Heritage Fund - New Church Roof' in the memo line. Thank you for your support! May God give you 100-fold! Remember, He is never outdone in generosity!

Update 7/12/26: You might have noticed that the shingled roof replacement has been finished! See above to learn how to support this project!

St. John's Academy Job Opportunity



St. John's Academy, a pre-k 3 through 8th grade Catholic school in Hillsdale is currently seeking a Part-Time Special Education Teacher. Qualified applicants should hold a Teacher of Students with Disabilities certification. The position is 5 days per week; approximately 25 hours per week. The annual salary is \$28,000 - \$30,000. Part-time employees are eligible to participate in the 403b Savings Plan.

Qualified candidates should send their cover letter, resume, and credentials to: Mrs. Annie Mitchell at: amitchell@sja-hillsdale.org

Respect Life Corner



"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

(Parish run event)

All profits benefit OLMC

All wreaths sold after 11/29 and 11/30 masses

\$35 Speciality Wreaths
\$30 Nursery Decorated Wreaths

Immaculate Heart Academy proudly presents

Ken Ludwig's

MIDSUMMER IN JERSEY

Friday, November 20 (7 p.m.)
Saturday, November 21 (7 p.m.)
Sunday, November 22 (2 p.m.)

Beach

For tickets: www.ihanj.com/performingarts